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SEPARATED AND DIVORCED INFORMATION

A support network for separated, divorced, and divorced and remarried people meets regularly in Shankill. All are welcome to contact the network by texting 087 3646067 or by emailing us at listeningear14@gmail.com.
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Place: St. Anne's Resource Centre.
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The Working Family Payment (WFP) (formerly known as Family Income Supplement (FIS)) is a weekly tax free payment available to employees with children. It gives extra financial support to people on low pay. You cannot qualify for WFP if you are self-employed - **you must be an employee to qualify.** You must have at least one child who normally lives with you or is financially supported by you. Your child must be under 18 years of age or between 18 and 22 years of age and in full-time education.

To qualify for WFP, your average weekly family income must be below a certain amount for your family size. The payment you receive is 60% of the difference between your average weekly family income and the income limit which applies to your family. If you are getting WFP you may also be entitled to the **Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance.** Your income from WFP is **not** taken into account in the assessment for a Medical Card. The Back to Work Family Dividend (BTWFD) and WFP can be paid together and the BTWFD will not be taken into account in the income test for WFP.

WFP is a tax-free weekly payment for employees who work 38 or more hours per fortnight (any combination of hours that reaches 38 hours each fortnight is acceptable). You can combine your weekly hours with your spouse, civil partner, or cohabitant's hours to meet this condition. You cannot use time spent in self-employment (or on Community Employment, Gateway, Tús, JobBridge or the Rural Social Scheme) to meet this condition; Where the employment is likely to last at least three months; Have one or more children who normally live with you; Earn less than an amount set according to your family size. You must be employed in the Irish State and pay tax and PRSI here. Generally, the payment continues for one year (52 weeks) and is not affected by, for example, an increase or a decrease in earnings. However, in the following two circumstances, your weekly rate of WFP can be revised during the year: If you start to care for an additional child your WFP rate can be increased. If you were getting a One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) and your payment stopped because your youngest child reached the relevant OFP age limit, your WFP rate can be revised (by disregarding the rate of OFP assessed in your most recent WFP income test). Job changes - If your pay from work is reduced your Working Family Payment will stay the same. It will not increase. However, when your Working Family Payment ends you can re-apply giving details of your new reduced income. **At the end of the 52 weeks, you can re-apply for WFP.** If the number of hours you work each week is reduced to below 38 hours per fortnight, you are no longer entitled to WFP. You should notify the WFP section if your hours fall below this minimum requirement.

If you move to a new job, your current entitlement to WFP will cease and you must notify the WFP section. You may re-apply for WFP for your new job. If you lose your job you are no longer entitled to WFP. You must notify the WFP section. You can get Illness Benefit or Injury Benefit while you are getting WFP (for six consecutive weeks). If you are out of work for more than six consecutive weeks, payment of WFP is suspended until you return to work and send a final certificate into the Illness Benefit or Occupational Injury Benefit section or until your WFP award period expires (whichever is the earlier). Under the Maternity Protection Act 1994, a woman on maternity or adoptive leave is entitled to be treated as if she is in employment. This means that she can claim WFP (provided she meets the conditions of the Working Family Payment and has a family – a pregnant woman who has no other children does not qualify for WFP until the birth of the baby). Your income must be less than the income limit for your family size and is normally calculated using your gross earnings to date or your P60. Your WFP claim will then be paid for 52 weeks from the date you applied. You are not entitled to continue to claim WFP if you take additional unpaid maternity or adoptive leave, if you lose your job, are returning to work or give up your employment. A separated parent can apply for WFP once he or she meets the qualifying conditions and is living with the children or Is wholly maintaining the ex-spouse, ex-civil partner or ex-cohabitant with whom the children are living. Wholly maintaining means that maintenance paid by you, the WFP applicant, must be the main income of your ex-spouse, ex-civil partner or ex-cohabitant. Your former spouse or partner cannot have more than €100 a week income in their own right and cannot be married, in a civil partnership or cohabiting.

The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) does assess income you get from tenants who rent a property you own, it may examine your bank accounts to check for other income sources and it may assess income derived from use of a car that you own (for example as a taxi). The main items counted as income are your assessable earnings and your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant's assessable earnings. (Assessable earnings are gross pay minus tax, employee PRSI, Universal Social Charge and superannuation (including the Public Service Pension Levy and contributions to Personal Retirement Savings Accounts.) Income from working as a home help is included. Any extra income you or your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant has from employment (such as pay for overtime, bonuses, allowances or commission). Any income you or your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant may have from self-employment, Income from occupational pensions. Income you or your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant may have including social welfare. It's important to be aware, that if you qualify for WFP, you get a minimum of €20 each week. You can use the Benefit of Work Ready Reckoner from the DEASP to help you assess the financial consequences of taking up full-me work. The Reckoner works out the total amount you would receive on taking up full-me work (including any Working Family Payment) and compares this to what you are getting in jobseeker payments (including Rent Supplement).

How to apply for WFP? Fill in an application form for the Working Family Payment (WFP). You can get a copy of this form in your Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office. If you need help to fill in this form, the staff in your Intreo Centre, Social Welfare Branch Office or Citizens Information Centre can help you. To make sure that your application for WFP is processed as quickly as possible,

you should include your latest P60 form, your most recent pay slip, and a copy of your Certificate of Tax Credits for the current tax year with your application. If you have not received your P60 - send in your week 52 pay slip for the last tax year. If you think you have been wrongly refused WFP you can appeal this decision. Send your completed Working Family Payment application form to: Working Family Payment (WFP) Section, Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Social Welfare Services Office Government Buildings, Ballinalee Road, Longford (Source: www.citizensinformation.ie)

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. Or Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.

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Fun for all at Shankill Athletics sports day

Our fourth annual athletics sports day was a great success thanks to the involvement of the Shankill Community. We had over 150 participants on the day with short and long races for all ages. Congratulations to all those who made it through to take part in the Dublin Finals in Santry on 9th and 10th June. Particular thanks to both Shankill soccer clubs for giving us access to their pitches on probably the first dry weekend of 2018. It is great to be able to hold this event in the heart of our community. Thanks to Fr. John and St. Anne's Parish for their continued support. Thanks to Shankill Gardai in particular Denise for coming along on the day. To all who volunteered on the day starters, finish judges, results recorders, Aldi Bray for refreshments, set up gazebos and the parents who brought their children along. Particular thanks to Richard (Bray Runners) and all those helping to prepare the athletes for Santry.

Hurlers and Footballers

First matches took place in last week of April with two home games in the recently opened Shanganagh Pitch for U10 footballers and U11 hurlers. Footballers had a tough first quarter but put on a very spirited display for the remaining three quarters. Great blocking and kicking was evident by all with Eoin McDermot kicking great clearances. Jamie Boothman kept Shankill in touch showing great skill and determination scoring some lovely points.

The hurlers met very strong opposition in the form of a team made up of St. Judes and Faughs players. There was hooking, blocking, frees, strikes from the hand in the air side line cuts points and goals. Shankill battled bravely but unfortunately it wasn't to be this time round. However most of this young U11 team will still be eligible to play next year. Well done and thanks to all for getting these teams out two nights in a row.

Meanwhile the girls U12 and U14 teams continue to train as they await their first match. Results in next issue of Scan.

Success in Dublin for Shankill Artists, Handwriters, Singers and Musicians

Congratulations to all those who represented Shankill in the Dublin Finals. They did us proud with 10 superstars winning gold in Dublin. They will travel to University of Limerick to participate in the National Finals on 26th and 27th May. Shankill's best representation ever. We wish them the best of luck. Participating will be artists: Amaury Journee McKeown, Lily Blunden, Mairead Kennedy, Destiny Dfuonyemegi, and Hannah Codener, handwriters: Peter Lee and Fiona Scally. Singer Ima Nwosu and musicians Isabelle Murphy and Rachel Fox. Congratulations on winning in Dublin and good luck in the Finals.

Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

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SHANGANAGH RAMBLERS CLUB

by Gerry Aylward

Start Walking

Stuck in traffic, can't find parking, late for an appointment... when the pace of city life starts to get you down, it is time to head out to the hills! All you need are a good pair of walking shoes or boots and a good coat and some free time.

Here in Shankill we are so lucky to have many scenic walks on our doorstep. A walk in Shanganagh Park or along the beach when the tide is out or in Rathmichael Woods on the way to the Lead Mine are all very enjoyable. Then there is the very scenic Bray to Greystones cliff walk or a climb to the top of Bray Head.

If you want to go further then the Wicklow Way beckons with many hours of walks in beautiful scenery that you can enjoy in stages. Just buy a Wicklow Way map and away you go!
Next you could head West and enjoy the peace and tranquility to be found amongst it's beautiful scenery.
There are so many great walks but I will just describe one: 'The Keenagh Loop Walk', near Ballina, County Mayo.

This is a beautiful scenic walk that combines spectacular scenery, remote wilderness, and a variety of terrain that includes panoramic views of high mountains, a heavenly valley, wild vegetation and crystal clear rivers and streams. It presents the walker with a lot of variety and changing terrain and its length (12km) and rate of ascent make it a challenging enough walk.

On the outward journey the walker has wonderful views towards Glenhest and Newport to the South and, on the return section, panoramic views of North Mayo all the way to the Atlantic.

Starting from Bellanderg Bridge west of Nephin, the walker follows the old road towards Newport, starting on a surfaced lane, then onto a wide grass covered track. A section along riverbank takes the walker into the the remote and stunning Glendorragha Valley. The route then ascends to a mountain pass by Knockaffertagh and descends to meet a farm track and minor road back to the car park. Recently 21 members of the local hill-walking club, 'The Shanganagh Ramblers' enjoyed a lovely weekend walking the Keenagh Loop and in the forest surrounding Belleek Castle.

For more details you could Google:
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Shankill GAA Club

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Picture: Shankill under 10 boys looking cool in their new kit kindly sponsored by Martin Duffy of techit.ie

Academy: The Academy children eventually got to use our new pitch after many false starts due to bad weather. Having been training indoors in the gym for the winter months they exploded on to the field and enjoyed the freedom of the wide open space that is Stonebridge Road. Loads of energy was expended if only it could only be bottled and sold. All are welcome to give the Academy a try at 10.00am on Saturdays, the cost is only €2 per child, equipment is free and there is no annual subscription.

Picture: Academy Kids in Stonebridge Road

Scor Quiz Finals: Well done to our club quiz team which represented Dublin in the final of the GAA Scor Quiz competition held in Sligo. Although we were not the winners the girls put in a great performance and indeed were the only all female team in the final. They also got to meet the President of the GAA John Horan who is from Dublin and the first Dub to hold the post since the 1920's. We wish John every success in the future.

Pictured are Jen Mahon, Aine Ni Bhrian, Lisa Lawren Mulvaney and Kim Dowenes with GAA President John Horan

The **Gaelic4Girls** series of training sessions was well attended with approx 35 girls taking part each Thursday evening. The idea was to give girls in the 11 to 14 years age group who had no connection with our club the opportunity to play Gaelic football. With Dublin footballer Molly Lamb the lead coach and helped by our own coaches the training was brilliant with loads of fun. The girls really enjoyed themselves and we hope to see many of them wearing the Shankill green, blue and white in the future.

Chase the Ace: We are back with the popular weekly draw in Brady's pub on Sunday nights. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5 and are available from committee members or the staff in the pub. At the time of going to press the Jackpot stands at €800

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TidyTowns
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SHANKS MARE

Our latest Community walk was held on May Bank Holiday Monday and we had over 90 people. The “Big House of Shanganagh Walk” was led by local historian Rob Goodbody and everyone enjoyed the day in glorious sunshine. The walk was determined by the responses we got from the owners of 12 big houses in the area. We intend to hold this walk again next year and hope to get support from the owners of the big houses so that their history and archaeology can be shared by interested locals. We sincerely thank the owners of Woodbrook House, Crinken House and Ellerslie for their cooperation and thank Café One for the refreshments for such a large number. Thanks to all who participated for their support, good humour and cooperation on the day. We hope we’ll see you all over our upcoming walks:

June 3rd: Dublin Mountain Way – 6KM walk
August 6th: Railways of Shankill
October 29th: 4 Castles and a Corn Mill

CLEAN UP DAY

Despite the glorious sunshine our Annual Clean Up Day was not that well attended. Thanks to our usual volunteers and some new volunteers who did trojan work around Dorney Court roundabout, the green area between Eaton Wood and Dorney Court, Quinns Road roundabout, Cherrington, Rathsallagh Wood and the Dart Station. Our thanks to John Brady & staff for providing food afterwards.

DOG FOULING

Once again, we make a special plea to dog owners to PLEASE clean up after your dogs. We’ve received many complaints about the amount of dog waste around the area. Most dog walkers are responsible, but some dog owners just let their dogs loose to foul around their areas, especially on pavements and green areas when they think no-one is watching. Dog waste is a Health Hazard and ruins the environment for everyone.

WORK PARTIES

Our Committee is seriously concerned at our inability to encourage more people to give 1&1/2 to 2 hours per week to help us keep our Village neat and tidy. The work load is too much for our current number of volunteers and we are worried about the future of Shankill Tidy Towns. Our work parties meet outside Brady’s on Tuesdays at 10:30am, Thursdays at 7:30pm and Saturdays at 10:30am so plenty of opportunity. The variety of work means there’s something to suit everyone – the work and comradery gives great satisfaction.

We need your help!! Please turn up and try it a few times – no commitment necessary. If everyone turned up once it would make a huge difference to the teams especially from May to August.

A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Dear Residents,

Sergeant Angeline Conefry Retires

Last month saw the retirement of Garda Sergeant Angeline Conefry after 32 years in An Garda Síochána. A native of Donegal, Angeline began her service in Monaghan. She served with the United Nations in the former Yugoslavia at the height of the Balkans War.

On return to Ireland, Angeline began her Community Relations journey and has been the Community Police Sergeant attached to Shankill for many years. She is highly respected in the area.

Angeline will be sorely missed by the community. I wish her a very happy retirement and all the best for the future.

With Angeline Conefry and Cllr. Jim Gildea

Redevelopment of Dun Laoghaire Baths

I am delighted that works to redevelop Dun Laoghaire Baths have begun, with the new public area to open by Spring 2020. The Baths have been closed for over 20 years, almost to the point of dereliction. The new area will include a café, public toilets, artist studio workspaces, new lifeguard facilities, and changing facilities. There will also be a new jetty to provide access to the sea for swimmers, kayaks and canoes.

This development of a wonderful public space and facilities available for the use of all ages will benefit people all across the constituency, including Shankill, not just Dun Laoghaire residents.

Your Mental Health

We all take care of our physical health; we try to eat right, exercise, go to the doctor when we think something might be wrong and treat the issue. Like our physical health, we all have mental health and just like how we mind our bodies to prevent serious illness and disease, we can take similar precautions and help develop positive mental health. I am acutely aware that often people want to reach out but don't know who to contact. Here are just a few of the supports available:

- **Samaritans:** Providing befriending 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to those passing through a personal crisis. Web: www.samaritans.org Email: info@samaritans.org Helpline: Freephone 116 123
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- **Mental Health Ireland:** A national voluntary organisation that aims to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. They often hold courses, seminars and training. Address: 1-4 Adelaide Road, Glasthule, Co. Dublin Web: www.mentalhealthireland.ie Email: info@mentalhealthireland.ie
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Good luck to Exam Students

This month sees the annual Junior Cert and Leaving Cert exams begin, a stressful time for students and their families. While exams are important, it is imperative that students eat properly, stay hydrated and sleep well during the exam period. Taking breaks, and getting exercise is also really important for the physical and mental wellbeing of students. There are a number of wonderful local and national mental health services that provide support to students and their families, including:

- **Jigsaw:** Jigsaw is a national network of youth projects dedicated to supporting and promoting the mental health needs of young people between the ages of 12-25. Web: www.jigsaw.ie
- **Reach Out:** Online youth mental health service with information and resources for young people and their parents. Tel: 01 764 5666 Web: www.reachout.com and www.reachoutparents.com Email: general@reachout.com

I am sincerely committed to working for my constituents in Shankill and the rest of the Dun Laoghaire Constituency. If I can be of any assistance, on any national or local issue please contact me at mary.mitchelloconnor@oir.ie or call my constituency office on 01-8892199
Constituency clinics take place the first Friday of every month, by appointment. Please contact Patrick in my office if you would like to attend.

Yours sincerely

Mary Mitchell O' Connor TD
Minister of State for Higher Education

Shankill Classical Music Club

Connections

Although there was no overall theme in John O'Hagan's programme for the May meeting there were several links and topical references. Most of the music was from the nineteenth century, as often happens, but several pieces were slightly off the usual playlists.

The opener was the only eighteenth-century work, a concerto by the German Fasch, a contemporary of JS Bach, for lute and small orchestra. From the lute to the guitar is a short leap. The music was a bit of an oddity – a couple of traditional Irish tunes arranged for guitar in the early nineteenth century by the Italian Mauro Giuliani. The performance had its unique feature also – the recording was by the illustrious Bray guitarist Redmond O'Toole, playing his "Brahms" guitar (nothing to do with the composer, but named after its twentieth-century designer. It's an eight-string instrument, played vertically like a cello). Redmond's own planned presentation has been postponed until next season.

To mark the month of the Dublin International Piano Competition, held every three years since 1988, and also the centenary of the death of the composer, we heard a couple of Debussy preludes, played by the first-ever winner of the competition, Philippe Cassard.

A much-loved member of the club, Gerry Hickey, died during April. The programmes he presented almost always included music by Schubert, although the piece chosen this month to commemorate him had never featured. It was a rather rare orchestration, by the nineteenth-century violinist and composer Joseph Joachim, of a large-scale Schubert piano duet, the so-called "Grand Duo", and we heard the slow movement. And the next piece was also a rarity, an overture by Franz von Suppé to a sort of opera based around the life of the very same Franz Schubert. The piece strings together various original Schubert themes, in a manner that met with some disapproval at the premiere, and the opera disappeared into obscurity.

Gerry was a regular member of the Greystones Orchestra, playing clarinet, and that instrument featured in the quintet for clarinet and string quartet by Carl Maria von Weber. To end the evening we heard two movements from the symphony by the nineteenth-century Belgian César Franck, once a regular favourite, but nowadays rarely heard. The recording chosen dated from the late 1950s, featuring the conductor Adrian Boult, who almost certainly had conducted some of the many concerts that Gerry used to attend in London.

Shankill Classical Music Club meets at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome.

The last meeting of the 2017-2018 season will be on Wednesday 6 June. Put the date in your diary now!

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Recipe

by Vivien Reid

These desserts will be delicious in the warm summer weather we are hoping for. A bit indulgent but suitable for a special occasion.From the popular cook, presenter and judge Mary Berry they will turn out to be 'perfect'. Other fruits could be tried out – only your imagination will hold you back!

Gooseberry Fool

Gooseberries and elderflower make the perfect match.
Serves 6

Ingredients
500g/1lb 4oz gooseberries, topped and tailed
100g/3½oz caster sugar
3 tbsp elderflower cordial
200ml/7oz double cream
100ml/3½fl oz thick Greek-style yoghurt or crème fraiche
fresh mint sprigs, to decorate (optional)

Put the gooseberries, sugar and cordial in a saucepan. Cook on a high heat until the sugar has dissolved and the fruit is soft. Remove from the heat and reserve a quarter of the cooked gooseberries. Blend the remaining cooked gooseberries in a blender or food processor, then sieve to remove the skins. Set aside to cool.
Whisk the cream in a bowl until soft peaks form when the whisk is removed from the bowl. Fold in the yoghurt and fold in the blended gooseberries. Divide between six glasses. Leave the glasses in the fridge for at least 2 hours, to allow the fool to thicken.
To serve, spoon the remaining gooseberries over the top of the fool and decorate with the mint, if using it.

No-churn Lemon Yoghurt Ice Cream

This is a light and refreshing lemon ice cream that you can make without an ice cream maker. Try freezing in ramekins or glasses and top with raspberries and a dusting of icing sugar.
Serves 8

Ingredients
300ml/½ pint double cream
300ml/½ pint full-fat natural yoghurt
2 lemons, finely grated zest and juice
350g/12oz caster sugar
300ml/½ pint milk

Whisk the cream in a bowl until soft peaks form when the whisk is removed. Stir in the yoghurt, lemon zest and juice, sugar and milk. Whisk until well combined.
Pour into a 1.5 litre/2½ pint shallow plastic container, cover with a lid and freeze for at least six hours, preferably overnight, until firm.
Remove the ice cream from the freezer, cut into chunks and blend in a processor until smooth and creamy. Return to the plastic container, cover with the lid and return to the freezer until required.

SCAN PHOTOGRAPHY SERIES - PART 9

by John Coveney

Welcome to Part 9 of our photography series – previous articles are at www.johncoveney.ie/shankill or in a PDF with clickable links at www.johncoveney.ie/scan-photography-series.pdf – apologies if you previously found this wasn't updated - but it is now. And don't forget the Shankill Photography Group on Facebook – now active again.

The last few articles have been quite wordy, so this month it's all about storytelling, composition, lighting and colour in your images - using a few of my recent shots as examples. The first two images were taken with my iPhone SE, And, after the phone cameras review last month, yes, I did splash out on the Huawei P20 Pro! More about it, next month.

I'm starting with a seasonal image of the cherry blossoms from Herbert Park in Ballsbridge – part of a spring flowers project I did with some Offshoot members. Remember, I encouraged you to join a camera club back in the March article on improving your skills? For this first shot, my goal was to capture the colour, texture and shapes of the flowers with a good background for context. So, I searched for a low hanging blossom that I could get close to with the phone. Shooting upwards left the flower heads dark, but the phone's flash, albeit weak, was enough at close range to fill the shadows.

(iPhone shot) cherry blossom at Herbert Park in Ballsbridge, April 2018

For the second shot, I was taking my own advice from April about walking more. Here on Shanganagh Beach, I took a few shots to show changes after the winter storms - including the movement of this bit of wall! Perhaps it's from the long-gone Martello tower that's shown on old ordnance survey maps? As I was walking around it trying to place it in the frame for foreground interest relative to the background, I saw these two guys coming along and I simply waited until they were in the right spot. I love how their yellow hoodies add a splash of colour to a grey day and I was well pleased to get a shot that I liked in such a familiar spot!

(iPhone shot) erosion and walkers on Shanganagh Beach, April 2018.

The final shot is of the winner of our recent photography competition, Cathy Desmond, being presented by Gwen with her prize of a €30 photo voucher from the Shankill Photo Centre. My goal here with my big camera and flash was to get both Cathy and Gwen well-lit and looking happy, and also to include the shop's Fujifilm brand.

That's it! To recap, three key tips to improving storytelling in your shots are: - firstly, get out and shooting more; secondly, think about and arrange what you want in the frame, and thirdly wait for the elements to come together.

Gwen (left), the manager of the Shankill Photo Centre presenting Cathy Desmond – winner of the Shankill Photography Group competition - with her prize of a €30 voucher for the shop

John Coveney Photography is based in Shankill. John captures high-quality images of People, Places and Wildlife, locally and all over Ireland with his phone and his big cameras. You can see his shots at www.johncoveney.ie and on his blog at www.johncoveney.ie/blog. Contact him 087 276 5158 or at pictures@johncoveney.ie and follow and like him on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & Flickr.

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HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE COST OF EDUCATION

Providing a child with the best education is what every parent wants for their children – but it doesn't come cheap. The cost of educating your child can be expensive irrespective of whether your child attends a private or a public school. The problem is that many parents get to grips with the costs when it's too late and end up having to fund everything out of day-today expenditure.

THE COST OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND

The average cost of sending a child to primary school each year is €766. The total cost for one child in primary school over 8 years amounts to an estimated €6,128. The cost of education gets even higher as your child moves into secondary school with that annual average cost rising to €1,629 for a child entering first year. This results in a total estimated cost of €7,734 over the 6 years in secondary school. If you are looking to send your child to a private school, then you will have to cover the fees on top of all theother costs.

The cost of college doesn't come cheap either. The annual student contribution for university is currently €3,000. If your child was to go on to do a four-year course at university, you would be expected to hand over €12,000, and that's excluding accommodation, transport, food and book costs! Of course, there are many other expenses along the way – you might want to give them a head start with buying their first home, buying their first car or helping them set up their own business.

SO HOW CAN YOU PREPARE FOR THIS EXPENSE?

The earlier you start saving, the better. There are many savings plans available which allow you to invest in funds. In recent years money being held on deposit (e.g. in bank deposit accounts) is not earning much interest, that is why investing in a fund that suits your risk profile can be a good option for those who want to set up a long-term savings plan. It is always a good idea to get advice from a financial adviser before choosing an investment product.

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Some parents choose to save some, or all, of the Government child benefit. If you saved €140 per month for 12 years (as at April 2018) from when your child was born, by the time they started secondary school you could have built up savings of €25,032*.

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SHANKILL TENNIS CLUB

Shankill Tennis Club hosts Takei World Blind Tennis Championships 2018

INTRO

A tournament that started on the other side of the world, this year Ireland had the honour of hosting the Takei World Blind Tennis Championships for the first time – and it was Shankill Tennis club that had the honour of hosting such talented players from around the world. The tournament received generous support from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown CC, Sport Ireland, Tennis Ireland and vision sports Ireland. In addition, club members put huge effort into a very successful fundraising effort.

HISTORY OF THE EVENT

Blind tennis was created by Mr Miyoshi Takei of Japan in 1984. A blind student who wanted to play tennis, young Mr Takei along with his PE teacher, created an adapted version of the sport for those who are blind or have significant visual impairment. His adapted sport is now the fastest growing sport among the blind/visually impaired community worldwide.

ABOUT THE SPORT

Blind tennis is an extremely challenging sport, and those who play it are incredibly skilled. The sport is played on a regular tennis court, with elevated tactile lines. The tennis is played using a modified tennis ball – a foam ball with a bell inside. Players rely on the sound of the bell to track the ball, and are allowed two or three bounces depending on their level of visual impairment. The players are divided into three classes (that of the Paralympics regulations) – B1, B2 and B3 players. B2 and B3 players have some amount of functional sight, with reduced field of vision, while B1 players have no vision at all or no functional vision. Their skill on the court was truly humbling for those who flocked to Shankill to watch the players in action.

A GLORIOUS WEEKEND

Shankill Tennis club put their all into hosting this incredible event, and ensured when the teams arrived they were met with a warm Irish welcome. Players were put up in the Royal Marine Hotel, and the hoards of volunteers from Shankill Tennis club, local schools and clubs ensured that during the day the players were made feel comfortable at all times. There was a bit of good luck involved, in that the weekend of the tournament the weather was glorious. With sunny skies and warm weather, some of the players may have felt a bit more at home while practising on the outdoor courts. Guide dogs were seen throughout the weekend enjoying the sun, and enjoying the attention from the adoring volunteers and players alike. The competition on court was fierce, and this was matched by the comradery between players off court– the bond between members of the Blind/VI tennis community was clear to see throughout the weekend.

FINALS DAY

Finals day came around in a flash – 13 countries had competed, with over 60 players taking part. The balcony was packed with people who wanted to see these finalists in action. Signs reminded excited observers to remain silent for the players, as they were relying on sound. The matches illustrated to spectators the level of skill required to get to be the top players in world. After fierce competitive play, the prize-giving followed. Team GB lead the medals table, followed by Mexico. Team Ireland also did exceptionally well coming third – Brian Lenehan, from Belfast, taking silver in the Men's B2 classification, and Zsofia Gruber from Shankill taking 3rd place in the Open category. We are very proud of all our players who took part and competed at the toughest level.

CONCLUSION

Shankill Tennis Club set out to deliver the best tournament experience possible for the players from all around the world. The volume of volunteers for both the preparation and for the weekend itself was a testament to the goodwill of the Shankill community. Competing players remarked on the great organisation by Shankill Tennis club, and on how much they enjoyed the weekend of sport. Tournament director Mr Liam O'Donohoe, the man who brought Blind tennis to Ireland, said *"This tournament represents a significant step forward for the sport and its dream of becoming a Paralympic sport, and one which Ireland will perform strongly in. Our next goal is to bring the opportunity to play Blind/VI tennis to every county in Ireland."*

SHANKILL OLD FOLKS DAYCARE CENTRE

THE MONTHLY BOOKSALE: 18th ANNIVERSARY

The second-hand booksale at the Daycare Centre on the first Saturday of every month has become a real institution in Shankill and it was founded 18 years ago this June. Regular patrons know about the huge range of books on offer, with new titles arriving each month. They also know that the founder, Macel McKell, puts in a massive amount of work sorting everything that comes in so that whatever you're looking for can be easily found, whether it's literature, crime, biography, art, cooking or children's books: it's all there at very reasonable prices. It's also a chance for older members of the community to meet for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee and some fresh home baking.

The booksale is a great way of re-cycling books, but because we pride ourselves on the high quality of the books we have on offer, we must stress that only almost-new books can be accepted. With the new charges, rules and regulations regarding re-cycling, it might be tempting to leave old books at the centre.

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The booksale takes place on the first Saturday of the month, come rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds go to the running costs of the Daycare Centre and treats and outings for our elderly patrons.

GOOD BYE AND BEST WISHES TO MOHAMMED AHMED

We said a regretful "Farewell" to Mohammed Ahmed on May 27th. Mohammed has been a cheerful and most willing member of staff for several years at the Daycare Centre and we will miss him. We all shared a special "Sorry You're Leaving" cake, and wished Mohammed well for wherever his future plans take him, first back to his home in India and maybe to return to Ireland at some stage in the future. We wish Mohammed all the very best and thank him for his cheerful, kind and professional help while with us.

Gill Tipton, Mohammed Ahmed and Jacinta O'Sullivan with the Farewell Cake

Founder of the Booksale Macel McKell (right) with Marie O Rourke

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5. The present season
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10. One billionth, Ms. Nagle
11. Former US Secretary of State, Henry
12. Area of Canadian coast, also a favourite type of dog
15. Largest city in Romania
18. Butch, Ireland's first Eurovision entry
19. Austin of the Lost Heifer
20. Sr. gave shelter to the troubled at Cuan Mhuire
21. Adele, might but a Twinkle in your eye

Down

1. Egyptian kings
2. Gordon the foul mouthed chef
3. The largest planet
6. Temperature scale favoured by Americans
9. Song from 'The Sound of Music', also a flower
10. Tenzing, companion of Edmund
13. An equilateral quadrilateral
14. Famous Ronnie, voice like coal scraping the floor
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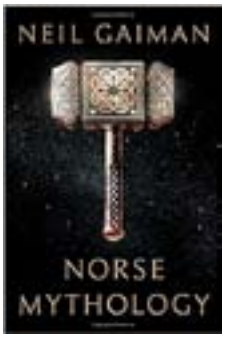
Good Reads

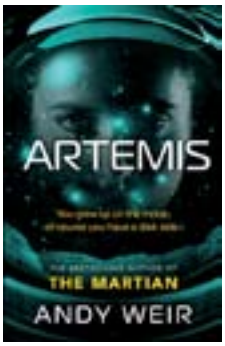
By Lindsay O' Donnell



Norse Mythology *by Neil Gaiman*

Superb collection of Norse Mythos re-told by the brilliant writer Neil Gaiman, author of American God. This book is full of interesting stories with the Norse Gods Odin, Thor and Loki. The author clearly is passionate and had a huge knowledge in the area. We learn how the All-father Odin came to be and how the nine realms were created. Learning about all the other gods and stories that have influenced today's entertainment so heavily.

This is an extremely interesting read full of great and vivid tales. Neil Gaiman has produced another masterpiece of a book for all ages.



Artemis *by Andy Weir*

Writer of the critically acclaimed book "The Martian" is back with this thrilling, smart and fast paced novel called "ARTEMIS". I could not put this book down, both clever and believable!

We follow Jazz, a Saudi Arabian woman who has grown up on the first city on the moon called ARTEMIS; with a sketchy past we follow her as she accepts a job of a life-time, but like everything that sounds too good to be true, it is! Equipped with a great cast of varied and interesting characters you are enveloped by this heart-racing novel as soon Jazz realized how she is a very small pawn in a much bigger picture. Not only is she a pawn but she soon realizes how disposable she truly is. On the run in Artemis Jazz must stay alive long enough to figure out how to get out of this one. But there is nowhere to hide when you are on the moon.

SHANKILL & BALLYBRACK COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

We are a group of volunteers who are setting up a community first responder scheme in Shankill and Ballybrack. Our aim is to provide voluntary cover over the Shankill and Ballybrack area.

Community First Responders are trained members of the community who know how to deal with four main types of medical emergencies: Stroke, Heart Attack, Choking and Cardiac Arrest. The ambulance service dispatch CFR volunteers in advance of an ambulance arriving with the aim of improving a person's chances of surviving serious illnesses as the volunteers live close by within the community.

The group also provides educative nights which aim to help members of the community recognise serious illnesses, teach them how to call for appropriate help and provide assistance until the ambulance arrives. In addition, the group has provided training within the community on CPR and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) when someone goes into cardiac arrest.

The group recently attended CFR Ireland's National Respond Conference in Mullingar on 21st April where members met with other CFR groups from all four corners of the country. Members attended training seminars on Group CPR, Paediatrics, SADS, Difficult Calls and Performing under Stress to name but a few.

Shankill & Ballybrack CFR were extremely fortunate to have won a training defibrillator, which you can see a member of our group, Tom Mc Donnell accepting from CFR Ireland.

New members to Shankill & Ballybrack CFR are welcome, no first aid experience is required and full training is provided. If you wish to learn more about Shankill & Ballybrack CFR or would like to become a member, please contact shankillcfr@gmail.com.

Tom McDonnell receiving the training defibrillator from CFR Ireland

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN FOR SHANGANAGH PARK

Question: *"To ask the Chief Executive for a report and update on the Master Plan for Shanganagh Park?"*

Reply: The Master plan for Shanganagh Park is currently being prepared by the Council. The Plan includes for all of the various stakeholders in the process including the Sports Clubs, Cemetery, future Housing, pedestrian permeability, play facilities, Biodiversity and ancillary facilities which will be required to service these including a Parks Depot, Car Parking, signage etc. The Sports Facilities Steering Group comprising the Clubs has reconvened and is feeding into elements of the Park design. It is set to bring this to the Committee shortly.

ST. ANNE'S PARK – PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO SHANGANAGH PARK

I contacted the Council to have bollards installed at the entrance to the pedestrian footpath that runs through St. Anne's Park's green area to get to the pedestrian entrance to Shanganagh Park, to prohibit vehicles accessing and parking on this footpath. I received the following e-mail from the Parks Department:

"We're considering our options at the moment but it is most likely that Bollards are going to be put there at the start of the footpath in the near future."

UPDATE - INSTALLATION OF BOLLARDS ON MAIN STREET, SHANKILL

The Traffic Section of the Council have informed me of the following regarding the installation of bollards to prohibit vehicles parking on the pedestrian footpath in front of Brady's:

"I will investigate the options for installing black decorative bollards, similar to those shown on the right, at appropriate locations to prevent this parking from occurring."

SHANKILL TO BRIDES GLEN LUAS CYCLE ROUTE AND FOOTPATH

Question: *"To ask the Chief Executive to report and update on the Shankill to Brides Glen Luas cycle route and footpath?"*

Reply: We are not ready to go to Public Consultation as discussions are still on-going with a number of land owners on the route of the proposed Cherrywood to Shankill Greenway.

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QUINN'S ROAD, SHANKILL

by Patrick Davey

The main event of the last month was the meeting with Duncan Stewart held in the Resource Centre St. Anne's. The meeting was attended by about forty people. Following the talk by Duncan Stewart which looked at ways in which Shankill could contribute to Climate Justice by reducing our use of energy, the meeting divided into informal groups to discuss the talk and make practical suggestions for action.

The discussion was very lively and many suggestions were made from using compostable coffee cups to encouraging the Government to invest in nuclear power generation.

We have been through the list and we feel the following are the ones that SAGE should focus on for the moment.

- Coffee Cup recycling
- Turn off the lights in the office buildings in Cherrywood business park
- Educate Politicians
- Hold an election hustings - (could we work on party election manifestos before the election is called?)
- Better Communications
- Influence the media
- Promote grants for retrofitting houses, public buildings and business premises.

There were other excellent suggestions but others in Shankill are doing these things, such as allotments and domestic food production, and we would not necessarily add value to them of we were to do so too.

Some of these activities are already underway but we are in need of more people to work on them, especially the retrofitting of homes and buildings. If you have useful skills in this regard we would really welcome you .

Recycling coffee cups and tackling the lights in Cherrywood are two new activities. The follow up meeting was on Monday 14th May. I hope you were there.

SHANKILL BOWLING CLUB

by Paddy Hughes PRO

Our men's home match V Blackrock BC was played on Sat. 12th. May. This day was inaugurated by the Govt. the 2018 National Commemoration day in memory of all those who suffered loss during the famine. Loss of life, loss of family, loss of home, loss of country. As requested by Sports Ireland, our Club held a minutes silence before the game began, in support.

The match against a strong Blackrock side went our way and we gained 6 pts. Winning 3 rinks plus the overall. Our team was:
Rink 2: J. Callaghan, P. Hughes, P. Cannon, L. Rigley
Rink 3: R.Matthews, B. Brady, C. Sheppard, M. Ryan (skip)
Rink 4: M. Quirke, L.Privett, P.O' Sullivan, C. Short (skip)
Rink 5: J. Gilmore, J. Ring, T. Dillon (skip)

Congrats to Mick Humby our outdoor Skip who was pictured in the "Bray People" holding a Trophy, a shiny Cup he won in a Wicklow indoor tournament, well done Mick.

A team rink in the outdoor bowls consists of No 1, the lead, who places the mat, delivers and then, lines up the jack. He/She is the first to bowl. No 2, keeps the score during the game. No 3, agrees the score with opposite player, measuring as required. No 4 The Skip, Captain.

Shankill Bowling Club would like to Congratulate Bray Bowling Club on being awarded the AWBA Presidency. Fran Neilson was appointed President of the Irish Women's Bowling Association (IWBA) 2018, a great honour for their Club.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELLCOME!

On a lovey sunny Sunday 6th May our photo shows members just sitting – around and having a good chat
L/R: Audrey, Nuala, Eileen, June, Kathleen, Maura, Christy, Paddy, Aiden.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

SITES FOR SOLAR ENERGY FARM

I proposed the following motion at the Dun Laoghaire Area Committee meeting in May

Motion: *"That the Chief Executive endeavour to identify sites, in Council ownership, in the functional area of this Committee that could be used as follows:*

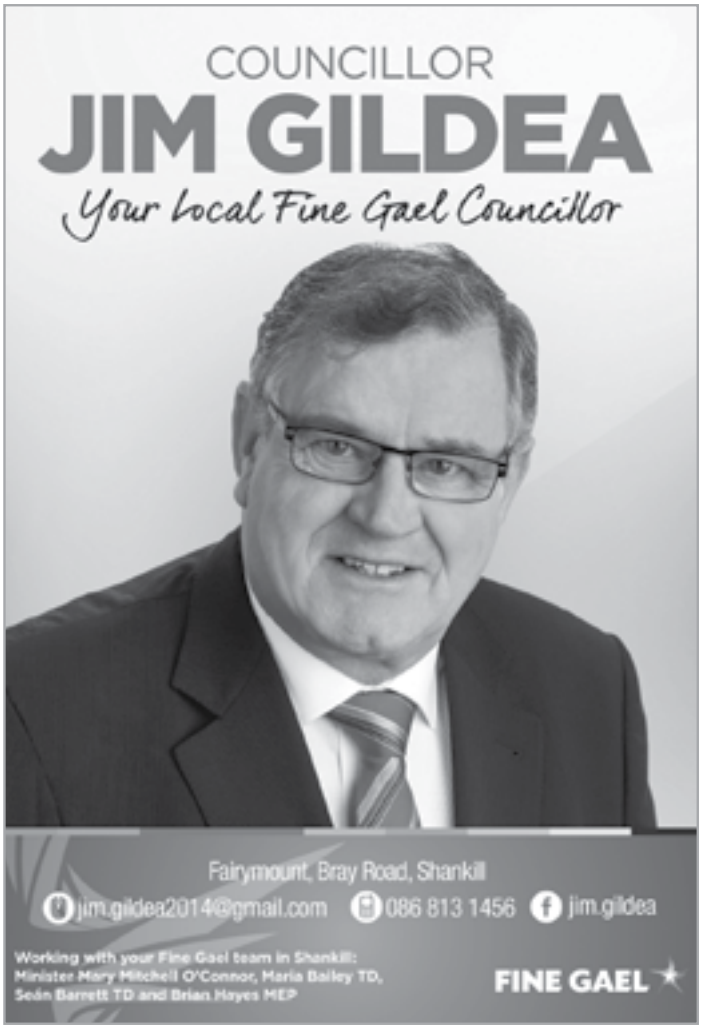
- *for the installation of a commercial solar energy farm.*
- *for the installation of a small solar energy farm for use by a nearby community facility/school/waste water plant etc. It is noted that a site area of approximately 8-10ha is required for a commercial solar farm"*

Report: The majority of DLR owned sites are Parks, open spaces, lands designated for Housing and Jamestown Park (the former Ballyogan landfill). The footprint for a commercial solar energy farm is too large to consider in our Parks. The Parks Departments are open to looking at community based schemes and will be looking for opportunities to include renewable energy options in community gardens In relation to Jamestown Park, it is intended to utilise the major part of this former landfill site once fully rehabilitated as a Public Park. The Council when developing its detailed public park plans for Jamestown Park in the future, will review the renewable energy sources options available including solar panels to see if any can be included in the proposed park. Currently DLR through a 3rd party contractor exports 4,882 Mwh of landfill gas back into the grid. The motion was defeated by eight votes to seven having been supported by all my party colleagues in Fine Gael as well as Fianna Fail and Green Party councillors but it was opposed by my ward colleagues in the Labour Party, Sinn Fein and People Before Profit. I will revisit the matter again as soon as the limitation on similar motions being placed on the agenda expires.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF COASTAL AREA FROM WOODBROOK TO SHANGANAGH TREATMENT PLANT

Motion: *"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to arrange that an annual survey of the coastal area from Woodbrook to the Shanganagh treatment plant be carried out in order to determine the exact level of coastal erosion in the area."*

Report:
The Council have installed 21 control points since November 2016 on the stretch of coastline most impacted by coastal erosion, namely the 3.5km stretch from Bray Harbour to North of Seafield. These points are monitored at regular intervals, generally every 6 months, and also after storm events which are associated with high tides and easterly winds, such as the recent Storm Emma. Storm Emma was noted to have resulted in significant impact at two locations. At the former Bray landfill coastal cliff approx. 0.4M of cliff was eroded. However, at the most southerly end on average 2.5m was eroded. In the Seafield environs approx. 2.2m of cliff face was eroded.



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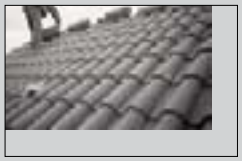

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Green Flag – Water Conservation WATER WATER EVERYWHERE...

This year the Green Committee were focused on the theme of Water again in the hope of securing the third Green Flag for Woodbrook College. The year got off to a great start with three of our Third Year students being appointed Water Ambassadors by An Taisce. Eduard, Adam and Daniel attended a national training day in Dublin where they met other ambassadors and shared ideas on how they could raise awareness around Water Conservation and Sustainable use. The boys left full of enthusiasm and began planning their Water Festival to coincide with World Water Day March 22nd. They decided to enlist the help of the TY Development Education classes who planned some activities like a table quiz and obstacle course themed around Water. The Water Festival was a huge success and the Fifth Year students were so affected by what they learned about Water and Sanitation in developing economies that they decided to hold a non-uniform day to make a contribution to Water Aid which is a charity that aims to improve sanitation in developing economies. They managed to raise €460. In April the Water Ambassadors will make their final report to An Taisce and they were commended for their hard work throughout the year (and rewarded with an Amazon Kindle!). The Water Ambassadors would like to share their top 5 tips on what you can you do at home to save Water:

1. Use a basin in the sink - A basin is useful for washing dishes by hand or collecting the water you use to rinse fruit and vegetables, which can then be used for watering plants.
2. Keep a jug of water in the fridge - Waiting for a tap to run cold water to drink can waste more than 10 litres of water in a day.
3. Choose the correct pot or pan size for cooking and remember to use the lid on a pot or pan when cooking to reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation, meaning you don't have to keep adding water in.
4. Add layers of plant material, like bark or straw, to the soil in your garden to help keep the sun off so that it can retain more water for your plants and you can save on water.
5. Consider adding a toilet cistern bag to your toilet cistern to reduce the amount of water used in every flush.

The reward for the Green Committees hard work will be the awarding of the third Green Flag in May at DCU. Well done to all involved it was another busy but exciting year for all involved.

Basketball – Wicklow League Champions

Congratulations to our 1st year boy's basketball team who won the Wicklow league this year with an incredible run of great results. In the final they came up against East Glendalough and ran out 29 – 12 winners to lift the trophy. Well done to all involved and their coach Mr Messitt.

Student of the Week

Well done to all of our "Students of the Week" this year. All were nominated for different reasons or achievements and all were worthy recipients.

- **Gerson Panganiban, Luke Kenny, Denzel Vivas** (*Representing the School)*
- **Ciaran McGarry** *(Random Act of Kindness)*
- **Oisin Forsyth** *(Assistance to other students)*
- **Anthony Duffy** *(Assistance with Junior Basketball Team)*
- **Ella Maree** *(Selection for Leinster U15 Soccer Team)*
- **Juan Carlos Labuni** *(Prize Winner in Bray Drugs Awareness)*
- **Matthew McCoy** *(Assistance during PE)*
- **Conor Pamucku** *(Assistance with 1st year Soccer TEAM)*
- **Sophie Kennedy, Toni Ceno, Niamh McLeavey** *(BT Young Scientist Project)*
- **Adam Cahill** *(Christmas Hamper Appeal)*
- **Cian Doyle** *(Football achievements)*
- **Finn Richardson** (*Helping out at basketball)*
- **Nathan Kelly, Oscar Kudzielku** *(Assisting the teacher during PTM)*
- **Ciara Ennis** *(Ireland's Got Talent Participant)*
- **Dylan Kavanagh, Sophie Kennedy, Fiona Nervez** *(PE Expo Junior Winners)*
- **Toni Marie Ceno, Niamh McAleavey, Eibhin Flanagan, Edward Grefeldeo, Joey Yu, Konrad Bzdyra** *(PR Expo Senior Entry)*
- **Patrick Bongala, Jakub Kirkowski, Shane Fabrero, Aaron Healy; Peter Kowalczuk, Alex Curran, Ethan Larkin** *(Caring gesture in ERST Tradition)*

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

SUBJECT: ***RESPONSE - BIN REQUEST SHANKILL DART STATION***

Cllr. O'Callaghan,

Following the review of the Smart Bins in April 2018, by the Cleansing Section, Municipal Services Department the proposed location for a new bin at Shankill Dart Station meets the requirements as set out by the Council, the installation of a new bin in the most appropriate place near the proposed location will be considered.

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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

As part of our Mí na Gaeilge, or month of Irish, the children made books which were entered into a competition, Scríobhleabhar Awards. We had various types of books from paired books, individual books to class books. I attended the awards in Tallaght with 16 children. They were presented with certificates, medals and pencil cases. Well done to Ms McMurdock for all her hard work and the encouragement she gave us all.

The Setanta Book Fair took place in our school on 23rd April for a week. This was run by Ms Armstrong. I saw a lot of eagerness and enthusiasm from parents and pupils who wanted to buy books. A percentage of the books sold goes back into the school in the form of books. This is our year for concentrating on books with our new library so new stock is always welcome. The Fair made over €1700 which was a great success. Thanks to all who got involved especially parents who regularly helped.

We have a lovely Tree of Hope which was put up by Gillian Bourne who is in charge of our Green Schools Programme. Every child had a hope to share with the school. A lovely sight and worth a look.

Two teams were entered into the Spar FAI Primary School's 5 a side soccer competition. The qualifiers took place in March and the boys' team played in atrocious weather conditions, winning their section and being narrowly beaten on penalties in the decider. The girls' team, pictured with coach, Garry Zambra, won its qualifying matches and went through to the Dublin Finals. The girls won their section and were narrowly beaten for a place in the Leinster finals - this was a brilliant achievement. Well done to both teams for all their efforts - we are all very proud of them for the way they played and the exemplary manner in which they represented the school. Thanks also to Garry for giving his time and expertise so generously.

The school football A team, which is mixed, has one more match to play in its league and is in the quarter-final of the cup. The B team were narrowly beaten in the Junior cup.

Note from Maria Bailey, TD

"Renew your Passport, check your European Health Insurance Card, make sure you have adequate Travel Insurance - then pack your bags!"

Fine Gael TD, Maria Bailey is encouraging people to check their passport before booking their flights this summer and to apply early, at least six weeks in advance of travel.

"If you are over 18, you can apply to renew your passport online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at.dfa.ie/passport online, provided you hold a passport. No need for a paper application form, witnesses or printed photos. At present, the online service only accommodates adult renewals. It is planned to further extend the online passport application service to more categories of renewals by the end of 2018.

"If you are not eligible to use the online facility and travelling in more than three weeks' time, you can submit your application by Passport Express through your local post office". The turnaround time for Passport Express is 15 working days i.e. at least 3 weeks. You can also make an appointment to submit your application at the public counters in Dublin (Mount Street) or Cork.

"If travelling within the next three days, a rapid renewal service by appointment at the Passport Office in Dublin can provide a same-day turnaround. There are a limited number of appointments per day and proof of travel will be required.

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If travelling abroad make sure you have your European Insurance Card. The Card entitles you to necessary healthcare in the public system of any EU / EEA member state or Switzerland if you become ill or injured while on a temporary stay in that country. The card does not cover the cost of treatment in a private setting. There is no charge for this card.

You can apply online for a European Insurance Card. *https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/ehic* Or contact Dun Laoghaire Local Health Office: Tivoli Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

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Travel insurance can minimize the considerable financial risks of travelling: accidents, illness, missed flights, lost baggage, emergency evacuation or repatriation costs in the event of an accident or illness.

Check your travel insurance provides worldwide cover. Some companies' request an additional premium for US cover. If traveling to countries outside the Euro zone make sure you have the required vaccinations. Failure to have the recommended vaccinations could cause problems with your travel insurance company if you contract a particular illness and have not taken the required vaccinations for visiting that country. If you have a "pre-existing illness" check to see if your travel insurance policy will cover the condition.

Make sure to check with your Travel Insurance provider about exclusion clauses which could affect your travel insurance cover.

TOURISM IRELAND

For people holidaying at home check out www.tourismireland.ie. for information on self-catering holidays, walking holidays, the Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland East and some of the Greenway Cycle Routes in Mayo and Waterford which provide great fun holidays for adults, families and children.

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6TH CLASS CONFIRMATION

by Eoin and Kate

On the 14th of April, the two 6th classes (Ms. Kett's and Ms. Availikli's) officially made their Confirmation.

A few weeks prior, they had the Service of Light, in which their parents handed their baptismal candle to them, passing on the light of guidance in the next step of Christianity.

Then they had rehearsals for the big day. They had confession and lots of preparation. Many people had prayers and readings to prepare.

On the day, they all wore robes/albs, which the teachers put pins on, saying their Confirmation names. That morning everyone was bubbling with excitement. The ceremony in St. Anne's Church was beautiful. The 5th class sang many lovely songs too. Bernie and others from the parish did a great job helping them prepare for the occasion. St.Annes church was filled with artwork from the 6th classes.

The parents, teachers and children were beautifully dressed in shirts and dresses. We would like to thank our priests: Monsignor Enda Llyod, Father Jamie and Father John. We would also like to thank our photographer John Coveney. At the end of the ceremony we got class photos. We all then went back to the school for a party. We all had great fun.

After the school party many of the children went to a hotel with friends and family for a meal.

We would like to thank our teachers and principal, all the people working with the church and our parents and friends for a lovely day, thank you very much.

INTERVIEW WITH MISS AVAILIKLI'S CLASS

by Ella and Eoin

On Tuesday March 13th 4 students from Clonkeen College, including 2 past pupils of St Anne's visited Ms. Aivailikli's class. The Clonkeen students are taking part in a competition called the 'Consat'. The day started with a presentation to explain how they made and launched a water rocket and a parachute. The parachute was made from a plastic polyester in the school colours black and amber. The rocket was made from a plastic bottle and a pump. After the talk everyone went outside to see if the rocket could be launched. They all waited eagerly. There was a great excitement when the rocket took off.

What an exciting day for everyone!

Ms. Barrett's 4th Class visit Dalkey Castle

On a recent visit to Dalkey Castle, through using an interactive timeline, the children learned about the history of the castle and its' environs from earliest times to the present day. Pictured below are some of the children using the timeline.

Cake Sale in aid of "Lucy Lou's Hopes & Dreams"

One of our parents, Helen Waters Martin, helped by Ms. Barrett's 4th/5th Class, organised a cake sale in aid of Lucy Lou who is critically ill. This little girl's mother is a close friend of Helen's and like her, a past pupil of Scoil Mhuire. The support from the parents, community and wider public was terrific and Helen raised a staggering €1,800. This money will enable Lucy Lou to have some of her hopes and dreams fulfilled.

Sixth Class Basketball Blitz

The 6th Class Basketball team took part in a basketball tournament against other schools in Loughlinstown Leisure Centre. The event was organised by Basketball Ireland. The children had lots of fun and played brilliantly. Our afterschool basketball training has really paid off!!

"Fighting Words" Workshop

Sixth Class recently took part in a writing workshop called, "Fighting Words". This is an initiative which takes children through the process of writing and illustrating a book. It gives them the confidence to feel that we all have a story to tell. The workshop took place in the beautiful surroundings of "Aurora", Glencree, Co. Wicklow.

The 'Crinken 100' in aid of Saint Joseph's Shankill

At 6.30am on Saturday the 12th of May, 7 cyclists took to the high roads and by roads of Wicklow and cycled 102km all in aid of Saint Joseph's Shankill, dedicated to dementia care.

What made this challenge even more special is that the magnificent seven are all staff members at Saint Joseph's who went that extra mile to make a difference to those that they care for and their families.

The ambition of the project was to visit 6 local spots all in one day; these 6 spots are the places that the new lodges in Saint Joseph's are named after - Rathmichael, Avoca, Carigeen, Glendalough, Kilcroney and Delgany.

The challenge named the 'Crinken 100' - raised funds towards special activity equipment for Saint Joseph's residents to enjoy with their families. This staff led initiative was the idea of James Leahy and his colleagues John Murphy, Ed Keating, Robert Weglowski, David Quinn and Kirby Aranas who all agreed to take part. They have all been in training over the last couple of months and were keen to get started bright and early on that Saturday morning.

James explains why he wanted to raise funds in this way.

We all wanted to make a difference and there have been a few projects lately that couldn't happen if it hadn't been for others fundraising in our name, so we wanted to show how much our residents happiness means to us too! We also know that by raising awareness about the specialist care we give at Saint Joseph's really helps too.

The group headed off at 7am taking a route beginning at Kilmacanogue to Delgany through Newcastle, Rathnew and Glenealy onto Rathdrum to Avoca and Glendalough, through Laragh and back to Kilmacanogue, Kilcroney and then to Rathmichael Church. They were joined there by other staff members and family members to cycle the last mile home. They paraded through the village escorted by local Garda Siochána and the new trioBike for residents had its maiden voyage too.

Saint Joseph's Shankill is the only care home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care. Our a vision is to lead the way in dementia care in Ireland, providing highest quality, person centred care to our residents, where their home, happiness and feelings matter most to us.

For information or to volunteer to donate to support the work of Saint Joseph's email saintjosephs@sjog.ie or call +353 1 282 3000

AIB Bray Pedals for Dementia

Bright and early on Friday morning Edel Gammel, the Assistant Manager at AIB Bray was encouraging customers to get on their bike, quite literally, when AIB Bray hosted a Pedal for Dementia day in aid of Saint Joseph's Shankill. Two static spinning bikes on loan from Fit for Less gym, were positioned right inside the main door of AIB Bray, so there was no escape for the 'volunteers' on the day. With the volunteer pedellers cycling in time to the music it certainly demonstrated a great sense of community spirit to the bank.

Speaking about why AIB Bray organised the day, Edel says,

We pride ourselves here as being a community bank and we want our customers to know we are committed to giving back to our community. Having an in house fundraising and awareness day is a wonderful way for us to help this wonderful charity. I would like to thank our Manager Jonathan Hovenden, and all my colleagues here in AIB Bray or being so involved in helping me organise this day and of course a huge thanks for the support given to us by our customers.

She continued,

Saint Joseph's is very special to me and my family. My mum Olive is living with dementia and she moved into Avoca Lodge in Saint Joseph's last year. For us as a family it has been wonderful to see the welcome, care and love that she and each of us receive from the amazing staff there. I am thrilled that AIB have supported me and Saint Joseph's in this Pedal for Dementia Project bringing awareness and donations to benefit the 60 residents all living with dementia.

Siobhan Grant the fundraising manager at Saint Joseph's thanked Edel and AIB customers and staff and explained that

In our 6 lodges, people at the same stage of dementia live together in their homes, encouraging friendships, fun and familiarity, with staff really understanding and knowing each person and their specific needs. It is a privilege to be raising awareness and of course funds to help our residents and day care attendees and their families too. 11 people every day are being diagnosed with dementia, so we need to care for these people in the best way possible making sure they know they still matter and that we connect to them in the 'moment' focusing on their emotions and feelings.

Thanks go to all the willing volunteers and all those that donated on the day. Funds raised will go towards Saint Joseph's Shankill at Crinken Lane is the only care home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care. Our vision is to lead the way in dementia care in Ireland, providing highest quality, person centred care to our residents, where their home, happiness and feelings matter most to us.

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D18A/0338 Seeking Permission Date: 17-Apr-2018
Gerard Fitzpatrick. Willdow, 79 Quinns Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin D18 TH63
Construction of a two storey extension to the side and front with Dutch hip roof and single storey extension with flat roof to the rear of existing house, alterations to elevations and internal layout, 3 no. roof lights, conversion of attic space and insertion of dormer windows to the rear, pitched roof canopy and new bay window to the front and all associated site development works. To include demolition of garage and increasing the driveway entrance to 3.5 metres.

D18A/0355 Seeking Permission Date: 20-Apr-2018
Peter and Philomena Pearson. Thomond, Holly Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin (a protected structure, ref: 1803).
Refurbishment and extension to a 3 storey detached dwelling house, including: the removal and closing up of an existing external access door to the West facade, minor internal alterations including the relocation of existing kitchen from first floor to ground floor together with alterations to access doors and partition walls, removal of ground floor staircase and the installation of a new staircase, alterations and refurbishments to existing WC at first floor level, two bedrooms and one en suite WC at second floor level, the demolition and removal of lean-to entrance to the East facade to facilitate the construction of a new 33 sqm single storey partially glazed extension to the South facade, the replacement of existing ground floor sitting room window with new door, amendments to exiting entrances as follows: the replacement of existing vehicular and pedestrian entrances to North boundary, new automated vehicular entrance to the West boundary (adapted from previously granted planning permission Ref. No. D17A/0280) and the removal of one pedestrian entrance to South boundary, the removal of existing boundary hedge to the North, West and South boundaries to facilitate the construction of a new 2 m high boundary wall with piers and associated site works to facilitate the above works.

D17A/1028 Additional Information Rec'd 26-Apr-2018
Date: 22-Nov-2017
Robert and Charlótte Norwood. Hayview, Old Rathmichael, Shankill, Co. Dublin D18 X773
Construction of a single storey Granny Apartment extension of 166 sqm area and associated site works, all within the curtilage of, but remote from, a protected structure.

D18B/0194 Seeking Permission Date: 27-Apr-2018
Gavan Murphy. 63, Quinn's Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Construction of a single storey extension to the rear of existing dwelling and associated works.

D18A/0400 Seeking Permission for Retention
Date: 02-May-2018
D18A/0400 DECLARE APPLICATION INVALID
Date: 04-May-2018
Thomas Leonard. 49, New Vale Cottages, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention of a single storey extension of 81 sq.m. to the rear of a 57 sq.m. dwelling, revisions to front elevation, window to side elevation and retention of vehicular entrance and improvements to same with proposed pillars and gates and associated works.

D18A/0406 Seeking Permission Date: 03-May-2018
Michael Brendan and Brenda Quigley. 10 Rathmichael Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Permission to replace existing septic tank with proprietary treatment unit and filtration area.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D17B/0380 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 09-Apr-2018
John and Linda Collins. Brandywyne House, Rathmichael Haven, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Construction of a single storey side and rear extension along the south aspect of the existing house, to be used as a family games room and rear single storey extension to the north aspect of the existing house to be used for storage purposes along with all associated and ancillary site development works.

D17A/1067 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 16-Apr-2018
Changyu Wang. 2 & 3 Quinns Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Change of Use from commercial unit to hot food take away use in one ground floor unit.

D18A/0165 REFUSE OUTLINE PERMISSION Date: 18-Apr-2018
Shay & Frances Kelly. Rear of 11 Rathmichael Rd, with access from Brides Glen Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Outline permission for three-bedroom dormer bungalow, new road entrance, proprietary waste water treatment unit and all associated site works.

D18A/0167 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 17-Apr-2018
R. Nowlan and D. Ippen. 1-4, Ashwood House, Main Street, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Erection of 1 X commercial sign comprising of an area of 6m wide x 3m high with fixed strip lighting.

D18A/0182 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 20-Apr-2018
Eoin & Hazel Keane. 21 Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin D18 PP86
Construction of a single storey flat roof extension to the rear of the dwelling and a pitched roof first floor extension to the side and rear of the dwelling (total area of extension 61 sqm) including 2 no. roof lights in the single storey flat roof extension and 1 no. roof light in the existing pitched roof to the front, amendments to the existing dwelling including a new front entrance porch elevation, new rear patio, for the widening of the existing gated vehicular entrance at the front of the property and for all associated works above and below ground.

D17A/1015 GRANT PERMISSION & REFUSE PERMISSION
Date: 27-Apr-2018
Charton Homes Ltd. Shankill House, Ferndale Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. (A protected structure no. 1829).
Retention of revisions to the access road to Shankill House from Rathmichael Haven (originally permitted under file ref: D14A/0110) and for the proposed development of new entrance gates, new stone gate posts and stone entrance walls and associated site and landscaping works on a site.

D18A/0184 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 23-Apr-2018
Simon and Jenny Moore. 1 Eastmount, Seafield, Shankill, Co Dublin
Construction of a 2 storey 34 sqm extension. The development consists of the following works to an existing 2 storey dwelling: A. A 13 sqm single storey extension to the front return as well as the removal of the pitched roof over the return to form a flat roof that wraps around the front and west side of the main building. B. Enlargement of 2 no. existing Dormer windows providing an additional 21 sqm. C. Enlargement of the first-floor window on the north Gable. D. Creation of a recessed balcony in the east side roof. E. Alterations to windows and 3 no. new roof lights, 1 to single storey extension to the front, and 1 either side of the main roof. F. Widening of the driveway entrance. G. Repair to front boundary wall. H. Alterations to existing stepped approach to front door. I. Internal alterations and renovations. J. Site landscaping and ancillary site works.

D18B/0097 GRANT PERMISSION & REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 26-Apr-2018
Grainne McQuaid & Sam Greene. 87 Quinn's Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Construction of new extensions to the rear of the house at ground floor and roof levels, modifications and extension of the front porch entrance along with all ancillary site works and services.

D18A/0198 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Date: 30-Apr-2018
Bincon Limited. 194, New Vale, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Construction of a 2 storey, split level, 3 bedroom detached house, 2 X 4 bedroom, 2 storey detached dwellings and renovation and extension to the existing single storey semi-detached house. The provision of a new access road and all ancillary site services and landscaping works.

D18A/0199 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 30-Apr-2018
Gerard, Cheryl & Benjamin Marbach. Riverside Service Station, Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Co Dublin
Permission for a new single storey extension to front, side and rear of existing forecourt shop consisting of staff and customer toilets, food preparation areas and service counter, cold storage area, staff facilities, food consumption area and extended shop area together with all ancillary site works.

Local History Society Lectures

Genealogical Society of Ireland
Declan F. Brady will present ***'History and Genealogy: you can't have one without the other'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday June 12th in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
All welcome - €3 donation.

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Brendan Moriarty will present ***'Ulysses on the South Dublin coast'*** at 7 p.m. on Thursday June 14th in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – admission free.

Western Front Association (Dublin Branch)
Philip Lecane will present ***'Torpedoed! The Sinking of the RMS Leinster'*** at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday June 16th in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated

Publications

'Genealogical Society of Ireland Journal 2018', Editor Tom Conlon, published by the Genealogical Society of Ireland.

Variety and excellence of content is the hallmark of this excellent annual publication which includes in this issue articles on ***'The Irish DNA Atlas – Publication of Results'*** by Ed Gilbert; ***'A Radio Officer's Last Days at Sea'*** by Anna Stavely-Finnerty; ***'From Charlemont Avenue, Kingstown to the House of Lords – Valentine McEntee, 1871-1953'*** by Charles Callan; ***'Stepping Stones at Glendalough'*** by Tom Conlon; ***'The Royal Marine Hotel and the Last Days of Charles Stewart Moriarty'*** by Seamus Moriarty; ***'Maher/Meagher of Clonan/Cloneen, Roscrea'*** by Thomas Burke; ***'Writing the History of an Irish Townland'*** by Billy Saunderson; ***'Kingstown to Kilmainham – An Insight into a Bygone Era'*** by Mary P. Conway; ***'Uncle Denis Cavanagh and World War 1'*** by Cathal Cavanagh; ***'Limerick – a city of three towns'*** by Gerald Costello, and ***'An Odlum Letter to Buenos Aires, 1884'*** by Sean McCartan.

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